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Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reason 1.4 (b).

(C) During the Ambassador's introductory call on Defense Minister Tantawi June 19, the Minister said that compensating the victim's family in the Global Patriot incident is a "political issue" for the United States, "not a financial issue." The Minister advised the Ambassador that the United States needs to view the payment as compensation not just to the victim's family, but to the "Egyptian people." He added that the image of the United States in Egypt is "at stake" in this case. The Ambassador apologized for the tragic incident and told the Minister that the U.S. is working to complete a package aimed at minimizing negative fallout and that would take care of the victim's family.  
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